

(3) Studies involved with the preparation of the environmental analysis required under § 148.109(t).

§ 148.503 Notice of proposed site evaluation activities.

(a) Any person desiring to conduct site evaluation and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port sites must submit a written notice to the Commandant (G-M), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593, at least 10 days before the commencement of any activities.

(b) The written notice of proposed site evaluations and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port locations must include the following:

(1) The identification of persons or agencies participating in the proposed activities.

(2) The type of activities and the manner in which they will be conducted.

(3) Chartlets showing the location where the proposed activities are to be conducted and locations of all offshore structures, including pipelines and cables, in or near the area of proposed activity.

(4) The specific purpose of the activities.

(5) The dates on which the activities will be commenced and completed.

(6) Available environmental data on the environmental consequences of the activities.

(7) A preliminary report, based on existing data, of the historic and archeological significance of the area where the proposed activities are to take place, including a report of each contact made with any appropriate State liaison officer for historic preservation.

(c) For the activities listed below, because they are not usually harmful to the environment, the notice need contain only the information required in paragraphs (b)(1), (2), and (5) of this section, as well as a general indication of the proposed location and purpose of the activities:

(1) Gravity and magnetometric measurements.

(2) Bottom and sub-bottom acoustic profiling without the use of explosives.

(3) Sediment sampling of a limited nature using either core or grab samplers if geological profiles indicate no

discontinuities that may have archeological significance.

(4) Water and biotic sampling, if the sampling does not adversely affect shellfish beds, marine mammals, or an endangered species, or if permitted by another Federal agency.

(5) Meteorological measurements, including the setting of instruments.

(6) Hydrographic and oceanographic measurements, including the setting of instruments.

(7) Small diameter core sampling to determine foundation conditions.

(d) The Coast Guard advises and coordinates with appropriate Federal agencies and States concerning activities under this subpart.

(e) If necessary, the Coast Guard requires additional information in individual cases.

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§ 148.505 General conditions of performance.

(a) No person may conduct activities to which this subpart applies except in compliance with the regulations in this subpart and all other applicable laws and regulations.

(b) A separate written notice is required for each site.

(c) Measures must be taken to prevent or minimize the effect of those activities that may:

(1) Adversely affect the environment;

(2) Interfere with authorized uses of the Outer Continental Shelf or navigable waters; or

(3) Pose a threat to human health and welfare.

§ 148.507 Reports.

Each person conducting site evaluation and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port locations shall:

(a) Notify the Coast Guard of any evidence of objects of cultural, historical, or archeological significance immediately upon their discovery;

(b) Notify the Coast Guard immediately of any:

(1) Adverse effects on the environment;

(2) Interference with Authorized uses of the Outer Continental Shelf;

(3) Threat to human health and welfare; and

(4) Adverse effects on any site, structure, or object of potential historical or archeological significance; and

(c) Submit a preliminary written report to the Coast Guard within 30 days after the completion of activity that contains, as reasonably available at that time:

(1) A narrative description of the activities performed;

(2) Charts, maps, or plats for the area where the activities were conducted and referencing the narrative description required in paragraph (c)(1) of this section;

(3) The dates on which the activities were performed;

(4) Information on any adverse effects on the environment, other uses of the area where the activities were conducted, human health or welfare, or any site, structure, or object of potential historical or archeological significance;

(5) Data on the historical or archeological significance of the area where the activities were conducted, including the report of an underwater archaeologist, if physical data indicate the need for such expertise as related to the activities undertaken; and

(6) Any additional information that may be required by the Coast Guard; and

(d) Submit to the Coast Guard within 120 days after the completion of activity a final detailed report that contains all the data required in paragraph (c) of this section that was not included in the preliminary report.

§ 148.509 Suspension and prohibition of activities.

(a) The Commandant may order, either in writing or orally with written confirmation, the immediate suspension, for a period not to exceed 30 days, of any site evaluation activity when, in his judgment, such activity threatens immediate, serious, and irreparable harm to human life, biota, property, cultural resources, any valuable mineral deposits, or the environment. During any suspension the Coast Guard will consult with the sponsor of the activity suspended concerning appropriate measures to remove the cause

for suspension. A suspension may be rescinded at any time upon presentation of satisfactory assurance by the sponsor that the activity no longer adversely threatens the quality of the human environment.

(b) The Commandant may prohibit those activities that:

(1) Are suspended under paragraph (a) of this section, if the cause for suspension is not or cannot be removed;

(2) Threaten immediate, serious, and irreparable harm to life, including biota, property, cultural resources, any valuable mineral deposits, or the environment;

(3) Violate the requirements of this subpart; or

(4) Are otherwise inconsistent with the purposes of the Act.

Subpart F—Procedure for Exemption From Any Requirement in Deepwater Port Regulations

§ 148.601 Applicability.

This subpart sets forth the procedures governing exemptions from any requirement in this part 148, parts 149 and 150.

§ 148.603 Petition for exemption.

(a) Any person required to comply with any specific requirements in Part 148, Parts 149 and 150 may submit a petition to the Commandant for an exemption.

(b) A petition for exemption must be submitted in writing. It may be in any form, but it must be specific and it must contain all data necessary to evaluate its merits.

§ 148.605 Coordination with states.

A petition for exemption under this subchapter that appears to involve the interests of an adjacent coastal State will be referred to the Governor of that State for consideration and recommendation.

§ 148.607 Exemption criteria.

The Commandant grants an exemption if he determines that:

(a) Compliance with the regulations would be contrary to the public interest;